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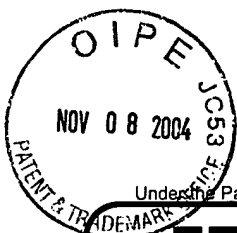
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(1) REAL PARTY IN INTEREST

In this Appeal, the real party in interest is the assignee of record, the Lobeman Group, LLC.

(2) RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Appellant and the undersigned representative do not know of any other appeal, interference, or judicial proceeding that is related to, directly affects, is directly affected by, or has a bearing on decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (hereinafter the "Board" or the "Board of Appeals") in this Appeal.

(3) STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-23, 25-28 and 38-49 are rejected. By a Second Reply Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116, applicants canceled claims 1-23 and 25-28. Accordingly, Claims 38-49 are the subject of this Appeal and are attached in the Claims Appendix. No other claims are currently pending.

(4) STATUS OF THE AMENDMENTS

After the July 30, 2004 Final Rejections, a September 10, 2004 Reply Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116 was filed. An October 8, 2004 Advisory Action issued indicating that the September 10, 2004 Reply was not entered and was not considered. A Second Reply Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116 was filed on October 29, 2004 canceling claims 1-23 and 25-28 and providing arguments as to the allowability of remaining claims 38-49.

(5) SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

Independent Claim 38

Claim 1 is a communication device. The communication device comprises a speaker (18, Figures 4A, 4B, 4C) and a housing (20, Figures 4A, 4B, 4C). Page 4, lns. 13-15 and 18-20. The speaker (18, Figures 4A, 4B, 4C) is configured to direct sounds towards an ear canal (30, Figures 4A, 4B, 4C) of a listener's ear. Page 4, lns. 15-16. A

component (18, Figures 4A, 4B) is configured to fit substantially in a concha portion (28, Figures 4A, 4B) of the listener's ear. Page 4, lns. 14-15. The housing (20, Figures 4A, 4B, 4C) is connected to the component (18, Figures 4A, 4B, 4C). Page 4, lns. 16-23. The housing (20, Figures 4A, 4B, 4C) is configured to be substantially supported by a pinna (31, Figures 4A, 4B, 4C) of the listener's ear and containing substantially all other components of the communication device other than the speaker. Page 4, lines 18-25.

(6) GROUNDS OF REJECTION TO BE REVIEWED ON APPEAL

Claims 38 and 40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,230,029 (Hahn et al., referred to hereafter as "Hahn"). Claims 38-39 and 42-44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over GB 2214740 (referred to hereafter as "Edmonds") in view of Hahn. Claims 41 and 45-48 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Edmonds in view of Hahn and further in view of U.S. Application Publication No. 2002/0094787 (Avnet et al., referred to hereafter as "Avnet").

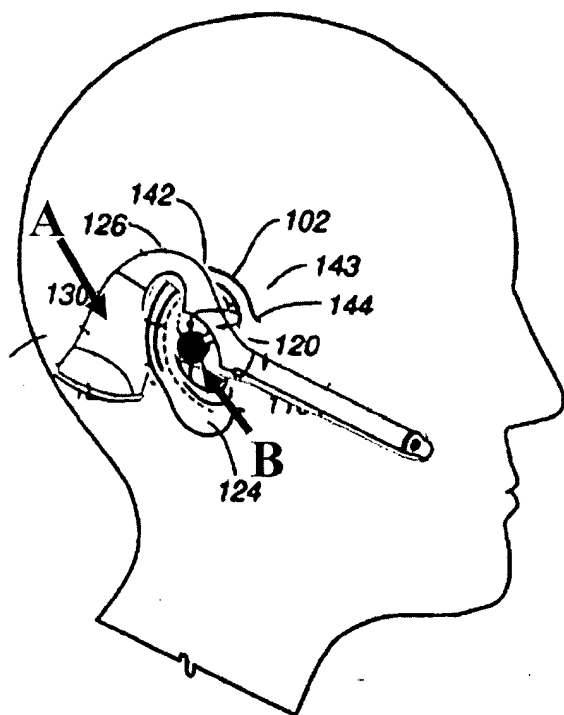
(7) ARGUMENT

Claims 38-49 Meet the Requirements of 35 U.S.C. 103(a), as being patentable over Hahn, Edmonds and Avnet

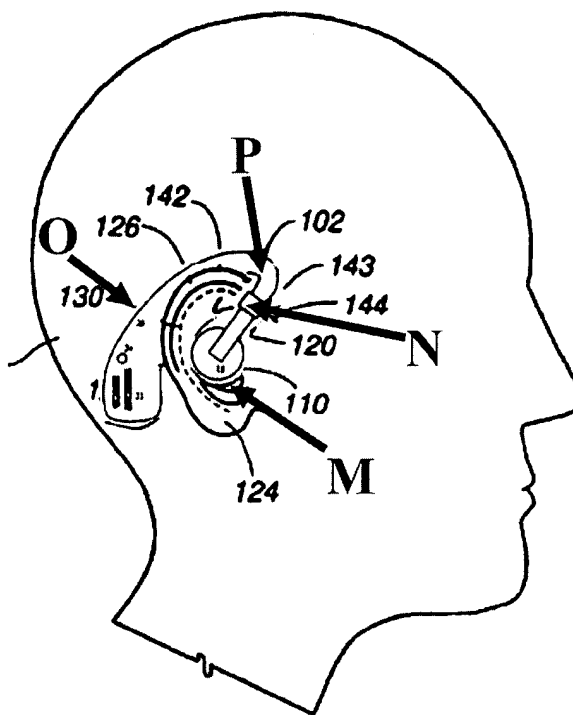
Claim 38 recites both "a component configured to fit in a concha portion of the listener's ear..." and "the housing configured to be substantially supported by a pinna of the listener's ear and containing substantially all other components of the communication device other than the speaker." Hahn does not disclose, teach or suggest either of those recitations.

Although at first glance the embodiment of the invention as illustrated in Figure 3A (present application) may have some similarities to Hahn Figure 3, there are some

distinct and important differences.¹ These distinctions are best illustrated when the two apparatuses are worn, as illustrated as follows (Hahn et al., Figure 3 on the left and Figure 3A of the present application on the right).



**HAHN FIGURE 3
USED IN ILLUSTRATION**



**FIGURE 3A (09/706,508)
USED IN ILLUSTRATION**

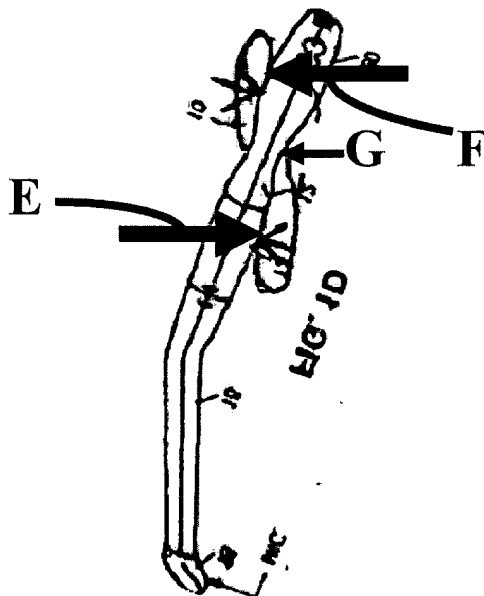
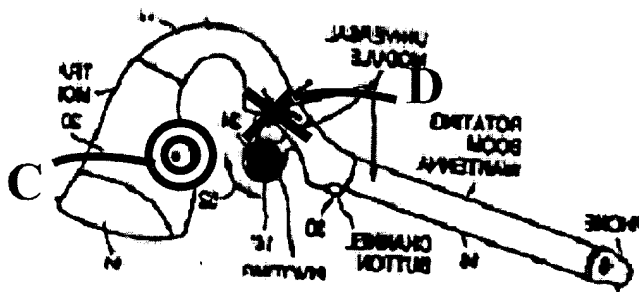
As illustrated, the Hahn apparatus has a speaker on an arm-like member which pushes against the wearer's ear. The arm extends over the top of the ear and a housing is between the ear and the head (and behind the ear when viewed face-on), which pushes outward on the ear.

The configuration of the Hahn apparatus is described at col. 5, lns. 16-23, as follow: "... the user would deform the ear hook portion 12 [A] towards the speaker module 14 [B] in order to clamp the pinna of the user's ear between the ear hook 12 [A] and the speaker module 14 [B] and thereby fasten the wireless headset module 10 to the user's ear." (Emphasis Added.)

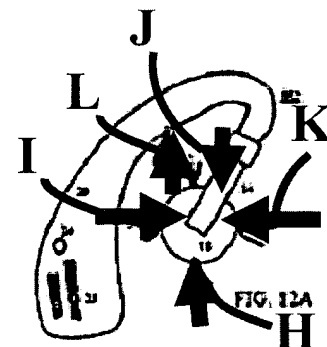
¹ Please note that during the August 13, 2004 telephonic interview, the Examiner drew applicants' and applicants' agent's attention to Hahn Figure 3 as disclosing the elements in question.

Hahn also specifically describes the embodiment of Figure 3 similarly at col. 5, lns. 47-52 as follow: "the speaker module [A] can be movable in two or three dimensions as viewed in FIG. 3 to thereby shorten or lengthen the distance between the exterior of the speaker module 14' [A] and the edge of the ear hook 12' [B] in order to clamp the pinna of the user's ear between the speaker module 14' [B] and the ear hook 12' [A]." (Emphasis Added).

This clamping can be illustrated as follows (Hahn et al. on the left and the embodiment of the present application, Figure 3 on the right):



**FIGURE 3 AND 1D
HAHN ILLUSTRATIONS**



**FIGURE 12A (09/706,508)
ILLUSTRATION**

As illustrated by the arrows (E, F) and “X” (D) and circle (C), the Hahn apparatus clamps the user’s ear (G). In the top left illustration, the “X” (D) indicates an into the ear push of the Hahn speaker arm and the circle (C) indicates an outward pull of the housing against the ear, creating the clamping action. The lower left illustration shows the Hahn apparatus clamping the ear (G) by exerting a force from the speaker/arm (arrow E) to the right into the ear (G) and from the housing (arrow F) to the left into the ear (G), essentially clamping the speaker module/arm and housing to the ear. Please also note that in the top view of Hahn that the speaker is not visible, as it is in line with the arm.

The embodiment of Figure 3A of the present application illustrates that the portion of the communication device (illustrated as a circle) extending into the concha is held in place by the concha (M) in all directions (arrows H, I, J and K). The housing is supported as shown by an upward arrow (L) by the pinna. As shown on the right illustration on Page 11, a portion of the communication device fits in the concha (M), when worn. An arm (N) goes to the front portion of the ear (P), when viewed face on, and the housing follows along the ear/head connection. When worn, the pinna of the ear supports the housing from falling, as indicated by the up pointing arrow (L).

Claim 38 recites “a component configured to fit substantially in a concha portion of the listener’s ear.” Webster’s New World Dictionary, Third College Edition © 1988 by Webster’s New World (“Webster”) defines the concha as “the hollow of the external ear”. Clearly, the Hahn apparatus does not have any component fitting into the concha or, in particular, “fit substantially in a concha”. The speaker of Hahn is in line with the arm, which allows the speaker module to clamp the pinna, as described in Hahn. The clamping is essential to hold the Hahn apparatus in place.

Also, claim 38 recites “... the housing configured to be substantially supported by a pinna of the listener’s ear...” Webster’s defines “support” as “to carry or bear the weight of”. As illustrated on page 11, right illustration, the pinna of the ear bears the weight of the housing. With respect to Hahn, the pinna does not bear the weight of the housing. As illustrate above, left illustration, the housing falls behind the ear (from

the perspective of looking into the face of the wearer). Any contact with the pinna is minor. The housing and the speaker module/arm form a clamp on the ear, which keeps the Hahn apparatus in place. Webster's defines "clamp" as "to grip, fasten, or brace with". The Hahn apparatus grips the ear. The device of claim 38 is supported by the ear pinna. None of the other references (Edmonds and Avnet) cure this lack of teaching of the Hahn. Since the remaining claims depend upon claim 38, these claims are also allowable.

(8) CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, pending claims 38-49 meet the requirements 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Accordingly, the final rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) should be reversed.

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(9) CLAIMS APPENDIX

(PENDING CLAIMS OF U.S. PATENT APPLICATION NO. 09/706/508)

38. A communication device comprising:

a speaker configured to direct sounds towards an ear canal of a listener's ear and a component configured to fit substantially in a concha portion of the listener's ear; and

a housing connected to the component, the housing configured to be substantially supported by a pinna of the listener's ear and containing substantially all other components of the communication device other than the speaker.

39. The communication device of claim 38 wherein the device is used in promotion of a preexisting publicly available broadcast.

40. The communication device of claim 38 wherein the all other components comprises a variable frequency tuner and a tuned frequency of the tuner is adjustable by a listener.

41. The communication device of claim 38 wherein the all other components comprises a memory storing a recording associated with the predetermined broadcast.

42. The communication device of claim 39 further comprising indicia associated with the preexisting publicly available broadcast.

43. The communication device of claim 39 further comprising indicia associated with an advertiser of the preexisting publicly available broadcast.

44. The communication device of claim 39 further comprising indicia associated with a sponsor of the preexisting publicly available broadcast.

45. The communication device of claim 38 wherein the communication device is a digital recording player and the all other components comprising a memory for storing a digital recording and a digital audio processor for producing an audio signal of the digital recording.

46. The digital recording player of claim 45 wherein the memory is a RAM.

47. The digital recording player of claim 45 wherein the memory is a ROM.

48. The digital recording player of claim 45 further comprising an input for receiving the digital recording.

49. The digital recording player of claim 45 further comprising indicia associated with the digital recording.